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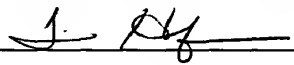
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**STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed more than three months after the filing date of this application and after the mailing date of the first Office Action, but before the mailing date of either a final action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in this application. The fee of \$180.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is enclosed.

PART II: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

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The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application.

The following co-pending applications that may contain subject matter related to this application are enclosed unless the earlier application is identified herein and is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120, and the copy was provided in the earlier application:

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>	<u>Atty Docket No.</u>
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PART III: Explanation of Non-English Language References and Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited

The following is a concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified):

DE 198 06 037 generally relates to triptycene polymers and copolymers.

DE 197 44 792 generally relates to triptycene derivatives and their use for optoelectronic applications, in particular as electroluminescent materials.

An English-language translation of Japanese application no. 05-113286, filed May 14, 1993, is enclosed.

PART IV: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

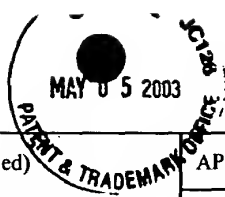
An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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